

**RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL**  
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2004**  
**6:00 P.M.**

The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Bridges called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m., with Chris Fields, Darrin McGowan, John Byrne, Brian Sheehan, and Mike Pavey answering roll call. Also present were City Attorney, Julie Newhouse, Jan Voiles, *Rushville Republican*, and Scott Murray, WKWH.

**MINUTES \* \* \***

Minutes of the July 20, 2004, were presented for approval. McGowan made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT \* \* \***

- The City's new cable provider, Comcast, is bringing the C-Span bus to Rush County next Tuesday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. The bus will be parked at the Rush County Courthouse. Congressman Mike Pence will be the featured speaker for the event. They would like as many city officials at the event as possible.
- Last Tuesday the Department of Commerce made a site visit of the Wait's Addition for the CFF grant request. Trena Carter reported that the visit went well and they were pleased with the project, but there are a few minor additions that must be made prior to the grant submittal.
- Attended a training seminar with Tony Fudge sponsored by the Department of Justice last Tuesday. The training was on Crime Prevention through Code Enforcement. The materials that we received at the training will be valuable in addressing the citizen concerns and the formation of a "healthy neighborhood" project in Rushville.
- CGS has invited all of the City Council to tour their facility in Morristown. The tour begins at 10:30 a.m. A lunch will be provided immediately following the tour.
- Comcast will be in Rushville August 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at City Hall to discuss their take over of the cable system for Insight Communications. Please bring your concerns to the meeting.
- Apologized to Council for informing them of the wrong date of the joint meeting of the Council, APC and BZA which will be after the next Council meeting, at 7:30 BZA in Council Chambers.
- Was contacted by Dave Sheets, President of the Rush County Fiber Board. He said they have engaged Randy Sorrell, an attorney familiar with similar inter-local, public/private partnerships, to begin drawing up a contract

between the three investors in the fiber project. He also stated that they have had preliminary conversation with a subsidiary of Cinergy that is bringing fiber from Shelbyville through Rushville to Connersville and back to Muncie.

**CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT \* \* \***

None.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORT \* \* \***

Pavey said that Tracy Newhouse is working on the curb cut ordinance.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS \* \* \***

John Byrne reported that he and Chris Fields met with the residents of Wilson Estates regarding the formation of the homeowner's association. He said the residents had agreed to work up some sort of an agreement for presentation, but has not seen anything yet.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS \* \* \***

None.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS \* \* \***

Sheehan said he had received a complaint regarding the poor condition of the "Welcome to Rushville" signs.

Byrne had a complaint regarding the possible raise for next year in the pool admission. Bridges told him there would be a Park Board meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30.

McGowan had received a compliment on how nice the parks looked and wanted to convey the message to Mathews.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS \* \* \***

**Salary Ordinance** – Sheehan said he would like to have some time to review the budget before making a decision on the salaries. He said he thought he

would be ready at the next meeting. He asked if anyone beside himself would be interested in a straight across the board raise instead of a percentage.

**Resolution 2004-15, Fiscal Plan** – Byrne made a motion to approve the fiscal plan for the annexation of the Hooten property and also the Resolution for the annexation. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS \* \* \***

**Transfer Resolution 2004-16** – Sheehan made a motion to approve transfer Resolution 2004-16 adding monies back to appropriations. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Comcast** – Mike Delph gave a presentation regarding the cable tv franchise. He said they are looking at a June date for an agreement date. Sheehan and Pavey both voiced their concerns about the late date for the agreement. They both wanted to see a date closer to the first of the year. Sheehan made a motion to approve Ordinance 2004-11 Extending the Cable TV Franchise through January 31, 2005. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Economic Development Report** – Tom Tully gave an update on the Economic Development. He said they are revising the by-laws and have also been interviewing for the director position since June.

**Wilson Estates** – Tracy Hittle said he had been contracted to build a house at Wilson Estates, but is on hold because of the moratorium not to build. He wanted to know when he would be allowed to begin the job. Council explained to Hittle that the residents of Wilson Estates asked that there be a moratorium for no building until the drainage problem has been taken care of. Council said they are trying to work out an agreement with the residents of Wilson Estates.

After lengthy discussion, Councilman Sheehan made a motion to table any further discussion until the City Attorney and the attorney for the resident's of Wilson Estates work out some type of agreement. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried. Sheehan strongly urged the residents to come to some sort of reconciliation so this matter can be finally resolved.

**Claims** – Byrne made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before Council, McGowan made a motion to adjourn. Sheehan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MAYOR

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JOHN M. BYRNE, MEMBER

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MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER